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REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claim 8 has been canceled. However, the features of claim 8 have been presented in new independent claim number 21. Claims 22-30 have been added to depend from claim 21 and recite features respectively found in claims 3-4 and 9-15. Enclosed is a fee transmittal sheet authorizing charge of additional claim fees to the deposit account identified below.

Claims 16 and 18 have been amended to more clearly recite that which the applicants regard as the invention.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner has indicated that the art cited in an IDS received by the Office on October 24, 2003 and on an IDS received by the Office on March 5, 2004 was considered. A third IDS was mailed by the undersigned representative on October 18, 2004 to disclose art identified in an international search report (ISR) dated August 10, 2004 for a corresponding international (PCT) application. Consideration of the art identified in this third IDS is respectfully requested. For the Examiner's convenience, enclosed is a copy of the IDS, including one SB/08A form and one SB/08B form. An additional copy of the non-patent document cited on the SB/08B is also enclosed.

Conclusion

Entry of the foregoing amendment and consideration of the reference cited in the October 18, 2004 IDS is requested. If it is determined that the application is no longer in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988, our Order No. AF01182.

Respectfully submitted,

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